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Applicant: YAMANOUCHI, Masaya et al. Conf.: 9841  
Appl. No.: 09/578,693 Group: 1641  
Filed: May 26, 2000 Examiner: L. Cook  
For: METHOD FOR EXAMINING HUMAN KIDNEY DISEASE  
BY DETECTING THE FATTY ACID BINDING  
PROTEIN

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 3, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2002, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month until October 3, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

--Moreover, kidney-type FABP existing at male rat kidney has been known to be derived from  $\alpha_{2u}$ -globulin, and JP-5-333025-A discloses that the increase in urinary  $\alpha_{2u}$ -globulin level can be

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